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SUBJECT: LUANA OIL REFINERY PROJECT SHELVED

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1. THE PROJECTED US\$180 MILLION OIL REFINERY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT LUANA POINT, ST. ELIZABETH, HAS BEEN SHELVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA. THE DECISION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY CONSTRUCTION OF THE 80,000 BARREL A DAY REFINERY WAS TAKEN BY THE CABINET. ACCORDING TO MINISTER OF MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DUDLEY THOMPSON, SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL SECONDED TO THE PETROLEUM COMPANY OF JAMAICA (PETROJAM) FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES ARE NOW BEING USED FOR PROJECTS OF HIGHER PRIORITY.

2. COMMENT:

ALTHOUGH NOT SPELLED OUT IN THE GOJ ANNOUNCEMENT, THE REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT IS THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. THE DECISION WAS NOT RELATED TO EXTERNAL FINANCING AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAD BEEN SET TO LEND THE GOJ US\$42 MILLION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE FORTHCOMING FROM MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. THE PROJECT HAD BEEN PLANNED AS THE CENTER OF A LARGE PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED A CAUSTIC SODA PLANT TO SUPPLY THE PROPOSED JAVAMEX ALUMINA PLANT. PREPARATIONS FOR THE PROJECT HAVE REPORTEDLY COST THE GOVERNMENT MORE THAN US\$5 MILLION.

ALTHOUGH MINING MINISTER THOMPSON HAS SAID THAT PETROJAM
OFFICES WOULD NOT BE CLOSED, 40 EMPLOYEES ARE BEING GIVEN QUIT
NOTICES OR BEING OFFERED ALTERNATE EMPLOYMENT.
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